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Preface.

We hail it with pleasure, that many artists of the present time publish the Ex-Libris drawn by them and that there are publishers enterprising enough to bring those plates before the general public.

And indeed the Ex-libris may well claim our attention not only in consequence of their venerable age[1]) or because they have belonged to learned and celebrated men, but also because masters like Albert Duerer, Lucas Cranach and many others have produced master-pieces of their kind.

These Book-Plates, generally small, though some are of considerable size[2]) are specially adapted to make Art familiar to every educated person. He, who graces his books with a Book-Plate, done by a real artist, will derive from it incessant pleasure. His taste acquires cultivation by comparing his own plate with those of other amateurs and his interest in art being aroused it is likely to develop in a manner to afford him great and permanent enjoyment

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1) The first occurence of German Book-Plates can be traced back to the middle of the 15th. century. In other countries they made their appearance much later, but in England and France they are now far more generally in use.

2) The plate of Barth of Harmating is 316 by 423 mm.

The desire for a more extended promulgation of Book-Plates ought therefore to meet with general approval. Works containing the Ex-libris executed by one artist will further this aim considerably. Comparison with other masters is challenged, the style of the different artists criticised and intending owners of Book-Plates can chose from the examples before them.

This little book edited by a young man[1]) whose father is an eminent engraver and die-sinker will, so we think, widen the circle of Ex-libris amateurs and perhaps induce some of them to join the Ex-libris-Societies of London and Berlin. We therefore hope that George Otto's book, nicely got up and at a moderate price, will be to the owner „a joy and a blessing forever."

List of plates:

1. Her Majesty Auguste Victoria, Empress of Germany and Queen of Prussia.
2. Colonel Emanuel Baron of Korff, Berlin.
3. Curd Warnecke, Lieutenant in the 1. Hannov. Drag.-Rgt. No. 9 in Metz.
4. George Otto, Etcher, Berlin.
5. Ernst von Dobchütz in Berlin.
6. Ernst Freiherr von Mirbach, Excellency, Lord Steward to Her Imperial Majesty in Berlin.
7. Hilmar Freiherr von Borcke in Berlin.
8. Armin Baron von Foelckersahm in Mitau, Courland.
9. Oscar Lessing, Dr. phil. in Berlin. Large Ex-Libris.
10. Do. Small Ex-Libris.
11. German Etching Association in Berlin.
12. E. Schwabach-Maerzdorf in Berlin.

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1) George Otto, born in Paris Sept. 6th. 1868, came to Berlin in 1871, his parents having been expulsed during the Franco-German war.

13. Christoph Count Vitzthum von Eckstaedt, Secretary to the Saxon Embassy.
14. Christian Heinrich Albertus Freiherr von Ohlendorff in Hamburg.
15. Margarethe Otto in Berlin.
16. Library of the Chorherren-Stift at Kremsmünster in Upper-Austria. Large Ex-Libris.
17. Do. Small Ex-Libris.
18. Ludwig Loeffler, stud. phil., Jena.
19. Hugo Ascher, Merchant, Berlin.
20. Wolfgang Mecklenburg, Publisher, Berlin.

Berlin, November 1893.

Frederick Warnecke.

I.

Emanuel
Baron von Korff
BERLIN

III.

Aus der
Bücher
Sammlung
von
BERLIN.
1891

V.

Ex Libris
Gläubig und beharrlich.

VII.

VIII.

IX.

X.

XI.

XII.

Bücherei des Christoph Graf Fürstenberg Heiligenberg

WEITZER
Aus der Bibliothek von
Christian Heinrich Albertus Freiherrn von Ohlendorff

XIV.

Aus der Wolfen-Sammlung
von
Margarethe Otto.

Bibliothecae monasterii Cremifanenſis vulgo Kremsmünſter, O.Ö.
Ex Libris
A.D.
Pars.
Nr.
J. Ctt. 1893.

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Ex Libris
A.D. Vars. Ac. A. Otto 1874.

XVII.

Viel Bücher viel Irrthum
Aus Bücherei Ludwig Hoefflers

XIX.

Mecklenburg

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